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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

The attitude of the Republican party of New Mexico has always been consistent on the question of the admission of the territory as a state. We favored the admission of the territory when the Democratic party was united in their opposition against it. We still favor its admission, believing that there is no good and substantial reason for keeping us out of the Union as a state and believe that this can best be accomplished by the election of a delegate to congress who is in harmony with Republican politics and principles.—**Republican Platform, New Mexico, 1898.**

Silver and wheat seem to have parted company again, but that does not make so much difference at this time: the colonel is fighting windmills and expansion.

After all, it is not a long fall from the pinnacle of fame to the pit of public scorn. Hobson's name has been hissed by a New York theater audience. And a kiss did it.

McKinley and Lee for 1890 is the ticket being put to the front by some of the eastern papers. To years ago, had any man suggested such a combination, his political friends would have had him adjudged insane and placed in a padded cell. Time works wonders as well as heels grief.

It is an unfortunate thing for a young man in this day and age to be the son of his father. No matter what he does or how assiduously he strives to do his duty, there is always some one standing ready to point the finger of ridicule at him because he had a father who was known to the world at large. No wonder the rising generations take a gloomy view of life and travel the pace that kills. This matter never has been called to public attention more forcibly than during the recent war with Spain, and the criticism which has greeted every act of the sons of men who were prominent in the years that have passed has been enough to discourage every boy in the country. A word of commendation now and then will do more to bring out all that is good in a young man than all the faultfinding that can be pointed in all of the papers in the land in a year.

The Philadelphia Item's strong point is fighting trusts, whether it accomplishes anything or not. In a recent issue of that paper, said: "If industrial combinations are permitted to multiply, they will eventually overshadow every line of independent employment and effort and create a nation of employees and servants. It is a time that the tendency is checked." That sounds all very fine, but the item forgot the most important part of the matter: It made no suggestions as to the manner of stopping industrial combinations. It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault with conditions, to raise a row over actualities, but it is another proposition to put in motion the power which will correct the evils complained of. Fewer faultfinders and more practical workers are what is needed, and unless the critics can suggest something better than what they criticize they would better maintain a discreet silence.

Said Nothing, But Sawed Wood.

Superficially minded writers may poke fun at the investigation of the conduct of the late war by the administration's commission and affect to believe there is really nothing in it, but to one accustomed to reason from cause to effect, it appears that the investigation by this commission of able men has already had an influence wide reaching in its scope and action. Is it not suggestive that there are no more walls and complaints from field and camp about poor food, improper preparation of rations, of threatened epidemics of disease, of insufficient service from the quartermaster's and commissary's departments? Is it not suggestive that the sensational papers no longer teem with harrowing tales of barbarities in the hospitals and neglect of soldiers by incompetent nurses and careless surgeons?

Why all this cessation of this military melodrama, grand stand plays and outbursts of humane appeals for gallery approbation? Why are there no more vociferous protests against furnishing Montana rations for tropical climates, of Arctic clothing for Cuban wear and further repetition of the long and loud exclamations against criminal carelessness and stupidity in military manoeuvres? It is nothing more than fair to largely ascribe this notable reform to the investigations of the president's commission, which have created so profound an impression in the war department, that the necessity of acute and penetrating reform was made unmistakably evident. There may be a good deal yet to be done; but the work of reform has been taken up so energetically and effectively by the heads of the different departments that the transformation from incompetency and chaos to thoroughness and efficiency of administration in this very short time has been remarkable and praiseworthy.

In the first place, there has been a shifting of military administrative officers. Inexperienced officers have either been mustered out or retired to the background, and men of brains, sense and ripe intelligence placed in command. Instead of the Shafter and Duffield stamp of men, such able military commanders and administrators as Generals Brooks, Wood, Henry, Lawton, Lee, Wade, Carpenter and others have been placed where their talents and good sense are evident in the maintenance of order with a firm and vigorous, yet discriminating hand. Sickness in the army has been reduced to such a minimum that it has ceased to attract public notice, the men are decently fed, clothed and taken care of. The confusion of Tampa, where a great army was like a drove of sheep without a shepherd, and where the embarkation on transports was but an exemplification of "Each man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost," no longer obtains. Whole brigades of troops—volunteers and regulars, are alike embarked with all their armament and equipment with a celerity, neatness and dispatch that occasion public and admiring comment. There was the 15th regiment of regulars loaded at Savannah on their transport in 18 hours, and only yesterday three commands were embarked on their transport at Charleston and sent to Cuba in a single day, without a complaint as to the care and provision for the men. The contrast between the manner in which Shafter's and Duffield's army was handled now, is very striking, and can not fail to impress the observer. The army is in better shape than it ever was before, and who is there to deny that the change for the better is not materially due to the publication through the commission's hearings, of the glaring faults and ignorance displayed in the spring and summer camps and in the Santiago campaign?

At the same time, the administration has made no brass band display over these reforms. There has been no proclamation to the world of what would be done; but the serious question of abuses and the elimination of worthless or undesirable official material were taken promptly in hand by the administration quietly and without ostentation, and ere the public woke up to a realizing sense, the occasion of so many well grounded and justifiable complaints had been removed. The president kept his own counsel as to his intentions, profited by the testimony brought out before commission, and has effectively applied the needed remedies.

The Senate of the 56th Congress.

The terms of 30 senators will expire March 4, 1899. Six of the vacancies in the senate which will thus occur have been filled, leaving 24 senators yet to be elected. Senators Money, of Mississippi; Hanna, of Ohio; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Proctor, of Vermont, and Daniels, of Virginia, have been re-elected, and McComas has been chosen in Maryland to succeed Senator Gorman. The other 24 elections should all be completed in January, unless there should be prolonged contests in the state legislatures, except in the case of Florida, whose legislature does not convene until April 6. In the event of a special session of congress being called before that date, which is not at all probable, one of the seats belonging to Florida would be vacant for a time.

Premising that Republican legislatures will elect Republican senators, and Democratic legislatures will elect Democratic senators, the political complexion of the 56th senate can be outlined; the Republicans will have a majority of 15 over the combined forces of the Democrats and Populists, and the membership from the different states will stand as follows:

States.	Repulicans.	Dem. and Pop.
Alabama.....	1	1
Arkansas.....	1	1
California.....	1	1
Colorado.....	1	1
Connecticut.....	1	1
Delaware.....	1	1
Florida.....	1	1
Idaho.....	1	1
Illinois.....	1	1
Iowa.....	1	1
Kansas.....	1	1
Kentucky.....	1	1
Louisiana.....	1	1
Maine.....	1	1
Maryland.....	1	1
Massachusetts.....	1	1
Michigan.....	1	1
Minnesota.....	1	1
Mississippi.....	1	1
Missouri.....	1	1
Montana.....	1	1
Nebraska.....	1	1
Nevada.....	1	1
New Hampshire.....	1	1
New Jersey.....	1	1
New York.....	1	1
North Carolina.....	1	1
North Dakota.....	1	1
Ohio.....	1	1
Oregon.....	1	1
Pennsylvania.....	1	1
Rhode Island.....	1	1
South Carolina.....	1	1
South Dakota.....	1	1
Tennessee.....	1	1
Texas.....	1	1
Vermont.....	1	1
Virginia.....	1	1
West Virginia.....	1	1
Wisconsin.....	1	1
Wyoming.....	1	1
Total.....	34	30

The Democratic-Populist combination is made up of 25 Democrats and ten Populists and silver senators. Among the Populists is counted Kyle, of South Dakota, but recent expressions from him make it probable that he will be found voting with the Republicans often rather than the opposition. With his vote, the Republicans will have a majority in the next senate of 20. In this statement the West Virginia legislature is counted upon to elect a Republican to succeed Senator Faulkner. There does not appear to be much doubt of this, although the Democrats may delay the election by some attempt at revolutionary tactics. In the other states set down as expected to elect Republican senators there can be no doubt as to the result. The Republican majorities in the legislatures are large enough to remove all uncertainty. In no probability can the Republican majority in the senate of the 56th congress fall below 16, and it may rise to 20.

One of the remarkable features of the next senate will be the large Republican gain. Since 1893 the Republicans will have gained 15 seats, ten of which gain will be over their strength in the present senate. So great a gain has not come to the party before in 30 years, and it insures longer continued Republican supremacy in the upper branch of congress. Another remarkable feature will be the lack of Democratic senators from the northern states. From the Atlantic to the Pacific not a straight Democratic

senator will represent a state in the north. One senator from Montana and one from Utah may be classed as Democrats, but they will be elected by fusion legislatures, and are as much Populists as Democrats. This situation will probably be unparalleled in the history of the country. Another fact is, that in addition to the strength from the north, the Republicans have broken into the Democratic stronghold and will have eight senators from the south.

In nearly all the Republican legislatures which have to elect senators, there will be warm contests for the party's nomination. In almost every case there will be several candidates in the field for the honor, and to the credit of the party it can be said that most of them would fill the position admirably. The certainty of so large a majority in the senate is one of the strongest proofs of the healthful condition of the Republican party.

It is rare that a party, in the middle of an administration, has been able to point to so striking an evidence of its popularity as the Republican party will be able to do when the second congress of William McKinley's administration comes into existence.

TERRITORIAL TOPICS

COLFAX COUNTY.

Elizabethtown is happy in a 14-inch fall of snow.

Thomas Wallace and Miss Alta E. Wadson, of Storie, have been married. Hiram R. Littrell and Miss Ella May Dougan, of Raton, have been married. Raton's "outland 400" have been indulging in a cake walk in the opera house.

Springer is soon to be connected with a new water system built by the Santa Fe road.

The Floersheim Mercantile Company, of Springer, bought 1,000,000 pounds of wool this season.

Elmer Oille, of Springer, and Miss Edith Oakleaf, of Lundberg, Kan., were recently married at Hutchinson, Kan.

County Commissioner E. M. Hastings has returned from Iowa, where he was called by the fatal illness of his father.

The sheep and cattlemen of Colfax county are pleased with the outlook for the coming year. They have had a prosperous season, and now that there is plenty of snow, there will be no fears of shortage on pasture the coming spring and summer.

CHAVES COUNTY.

Directly tributary to the Pecos Valley & Northeastern road are 1,900,000 sheep. Many cattle in the Pecos valley are being fed on cottonseed meal and about 50,000 sheep on alfalfa.

Roswell is to have an electric light plant, and Manager Pete Wheeler, of the electric company at El Paso, is on the ground negotiating for a franchise. The date of opening of the Pecos Valley extension is now set for January 19. There are now in operation 17 miles, with 20 miles of rail yet to be laid. This will make Roswell 73 miles distant from Kansas City, or 36 hours in time.

William Smith, a ranchman near Yellow Lake, in Chaves county, came near being cremated the other night by his bed of hay catching fire while he was asleep. His hands were badly burned, and he had to walk a long way in the cold to secure relief.

ALBUQUERQUE.

James Clear, of Wallaceburg, Ont., has just died here of consumption.

Letter Carrier P. J. McGrath has been transferred to the Chicago postoffice.

Miss Belle Schutz, of El Paso, has been visiting with her sisters, Mesdames Hild, Spitz and Grunsfeld.

Hon. T. A. Finckel has returned home from an Ohio trip, where he gained 15 pounds in weight.

The Albuquerque Indians have again defeated the Aggies from Las Cruces by a score of 6 to 0, thus winning the New Mexico championship.

GENERAL NEWS.

W. H. Bigger and Miss Kate Finnie, of Eddy, have been married.

Recent stormy weather has greatly retarded the operations of the El Paso & Northeastern railroad's surveyors.

The mercury at Red River has been recently down to 21 below zero.

Edward Rasmus and Miss Hattie Holden, of Las Vegas, have been married.

W. W. Rawlins, of Las Vegas, has presented turkeys to the insane asylum, the sanitarium, the railroad hospital, the ladies' home and the Sisters' convent.

The roads between Sanchez, Mora county, and Las Vegas and Watrous are impassable on account of the snow. Unless the roads can soon be opened a provision famine will be in order.

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WHAT TO WEAR.

The Latest Dictates of the Authorities of the Wardrobe.

The princess gown presupposes a train, and the longer the train is within reason the more graceful is the effect. Such gowns may be trimmed with circular flowers, passementerie, jeweled galleons and other decorations, but these must be arranged so as not to conceal the lines of the figure or to render it clumsy in general aspect. The ornamentation of the bodice should be of a character to display its cut to advantage. It may be embroidered or may have a bolero of lace or passementerie.



CEREMONIOUS TOILET. menteria, but the waist should be left free. The closing may be concealed under trimming or may occur under the arm.

Collars are still worn very high for bodices, jackets and wraps. Wrap collars flare less than formerly, while the collars of bodices are as straight and tight as possible. In cases the collar and yoke are frequently cut in one, the requisite curve being obtained by lengthwise seams.

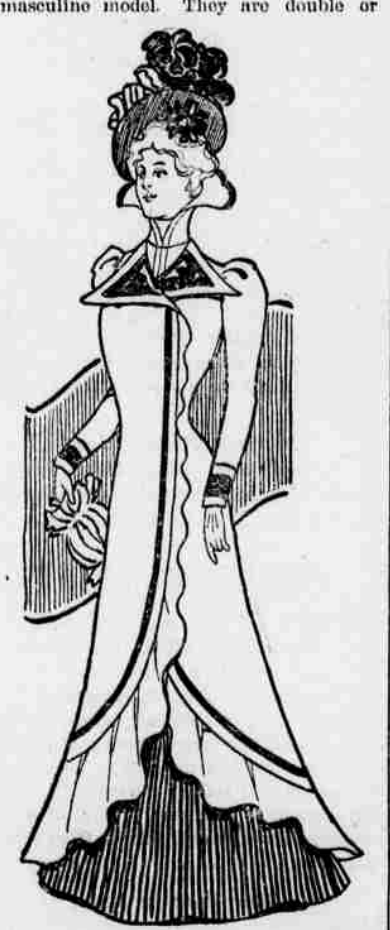
The cut illustrates a gown of broche silk, having a Louis XIII design in colors on a black ground. The skirt is perfectly plain and has a slight train. The bodice has a long, round basque, bordered with a plaiting of black mousseline de soie, and opens over a yoke and plastron of plaited pink satin, the plastron being crossed by bars of black satin passing through jeweled buckles. There are plaited epaulets of black mousseline de soie. The toque of pink velvet is trimmed with black velvet, black plumes and pink flowers. Lace frills are worn at the neck and wrists, and pearl gray gloves accompany the costume.

WINTER WRAPS.

Capes, Jackets and Long Coats For Winter Weather.

Velvet, silk and lace are used for capes in colors as well as in black, jeweled and metallic passementerie being often used for their decoration. Of course they are warmly lined, the lining being of a light, contrasting color. Quilted satin is again seen as a lining, and plain silk or satin is also used with a thick interlining. Capes are also found of alternating bands of velvet, satin, embroidery or lace, running either lengthwise or horizontally.

Long jackets are made somewhat on the masculine model. They are double or



single breasted, close fitting, with plain sleeves and usually with a more or less outaway basque and regular cut tails at the back. Short jackets are also seen, varying mainly in the cut of the basque, which is sometimes in one with the body of the jacket, sometimes sewed on, sometimes plain and sometimes slashed in fantastic shapes. These jackets are seen with either tight or loose fronts and with a variety of revers.

The picture shows the very latest model for a long coat or redingote. It is of deep plumed cloth and fits closely at the back, being straight in front and folding over to the left. The lower corners of the fronts are rounded away, and the edge is finished with a scant circular ruffle of cloth, headed by a band of black velvet. The ruffle is narrower at the front than elsewhere and terminates at the revers, which are faced with black velvet. The space between the revers is filled up by a little plastron of cloth, and there is a high, flaring collar edged with a black velvet band. The plain tight sleeves have cuffs of black velvet.

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